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Lord Home's new post draws fire from both sides SOUR REACTIONS GREET RESHUFFLE

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Damp squib

MR Khrushchev's attempt to make a U-2 out of the RB-47 has failed. If any proof were needed that the latest "border incident" was contrived, it came in the Security Council when the Soviet delegate vetoed the idea of an impartial investigation. As Mr Cabot Lodge so aptly put it, the world wants not the American facts or the Russian facts, but the true facts. And in view of Russia's refusal to allow outsiders to investigate their own claims, the world must accept the American version as the true one.

The object of the Soviet-created incident was clearly to exploit the deep suspicions aroused by the recent U-2 spy flight and to cause a more serious rupture in the North Atlantic Treaty alliance. Obviously if another American aircraft had trespassed into Soviet airspace so soon after President Eisenhower's assurance that there would be no further aerial violations, Moscow could have played upon world fears of the machinations of the Pentagon. But there seems little doubt that the American reconnaissance aircraft, despite its mysterious mission, was beyond Soviet territorial and sea limits when it was shot down.

THE Security Council has heard both from the American and British delegates in the last two days that far more serious violations have been perpetrated by Soviet aircraft and spy-trawlers. Clearly if accusations are going to be made that American military men are taking too many chances by "buzzing" Soviet territory, it also has to be recognised that they are exercising remarkable restraint in the face of Soviet provocations near the American continent.

The last thing the West wants now is for America to adopt an eye-for-an-eye policy and to go sinking a Russian trawler for every one of its planes flagrantly shot out of the skies. This is the kind of brinkmanship which can only lead to disaster. America's fury and frustration at these repeated incidents sparked by the Russians—for which there can be no retaliation in kind—is understandable and deserves the world's sympathy. Indeed, it is difficult to believe if the boot were on the other foot that Russia would be as ready today to live at peace with America.

THERE is one final point, however: General Thomas White, the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, has said that flights such as the RB-47's have two purposes. First, to keep the Russians aware that the U.S. Air Force is continuously taking full precautions to counter Soviet preparations for war. Secondly, to keep Britain and the other allies in good heart by actively demonstrating that the U.S. deterrent force is always on the alert. The RB-47 incident surely emphasises that Britain would be kept in much better heart with out these active demonstrations.

British papers show lack of enthusiasm

London, July 28.
British newspapers today greeted Mr Harold Macmillan's new cabinet reshuffle with a marked lack of enthusiasm.

Labour party censure over appointment

London, July 27.
The Labour Party today submitted a motion of censure against the Government for the appointment of a peer—Lord Home—as Foreign Secretary.

The Labour Party move was made immediately after the official appointment of Lord Home to succeed Selwyn Lloyd was made known.

Lord Home, as a peer of the realm, cannot report on his foreign policy to the House of Commons but only to the House of Lords.

A similar censure motion debate was held in 1938 after the then Prime Minister, Mr Neville Chamberlain, had appointed Lord Halifax as Foreign Secretary.

Mr Macmillan was expected to obtain a clear majority against the motion of censure.

Amory and Boyd made peers

London, July 27.
Outgoing Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Derick Heathcoat-Amory, has been elevated to the peerage with the title of Viscount, it was announced after the cabinet reshuffle tonight.

A former Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox Boyd, was also elevated to the peerage today with the title of Viscount.—AFP.

Several Conservative members of Parliament have also criticised the appointment of Lord Home in a private meeting of the Parliamentary group held here tonight.

The group decided, however, that in view of the need to preserve party unity, no public opposition should be expressed concerning Mr Macmillan's decision to appoint Lord Home as head of the Foreign Office.

Among those present at the Conservative parliamentary group meeting was the outgoing Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, who spoke in glowing terms of his successor, and the 'Chief Whip'—responsible for the maintenance of party discipline.

Among Lord Home's critics was Sir Robert Grimston, who declared that his appointment was "a return to Munich."

The six Members of Parliament who voiced opposition to Lord Home reserved the right to bring up the matter within the Conservative Party if in a few months' time the new Foreign Secretary showed himself unequal to his task.—Reuters and AFP.

Bishop Walsh's brother arrives in Hongkong

Mr William C. Walsh arrived this afternoon in Hongkong en route to China to visit his brother, Bishop James E. Walsh, who has been sentenced to 20 years in a Shanghai prison on spying charges.

The 70-year-old lawyer said before leaving Honolulu last night that he was "very anxious" to see his brother, according to a UPI cable.

Mr Walsh received a cable on July 3 from the Chinese Red Cross, authorising him to make a two-week visit to China beginning on August 1. He was told to contact the China Travel Service in Hongkong for visas and arrangement.

"I am very grateful for the permission to go to Shanghai," Mr Walsh said. "I want to take my brother some gifts, but I don't know what I'll be permitted to take into the country. I thought some sweaters or a coat."

"I suppose I can find out in Hongkong," Mr Walsh said. "Maybe I can buy him something in Shanghai."

Bishop Walsh, 69, of the Maryknoll Fathers, Ossining, New York, was first arrested by the Chinese Communists in 1951 and placed under house arrest. When released he elected to remain in China.

Last March Radio Peking announced that Bishop Walsh had been sentenced to prison after "trial in Shanghai" by a "People's Court."

Bid on life of Castro official
Caracas, July 27.
Unidentified assassins today shot and seriously wounded Andres Cova, national co-ordinator in Venezuela for Fidel Castro's 26th of July revolutionary movement.

Authorities said Cova was shot five times in the body. But they did not immediately disclose any details of the attempted killing.

The young leftist was rushed to Central University hospital where he was still on an operating table more than five hours after being shot.
Doctors said a first emergency operation to remove the bullets had been a failure but that a second one was ordered.—UPI.

London, July 28.
Criticism centred mainly on the appointment of the Earl of Home, 57, as Foreign Secretary—first member of the House of Lords to be chosen for this post in 20 years.

This not only drew the fire of left-wing papers such as the Daily Herald and Daily Mirror. It was also criticised by the Daily Telegraph (Conservative), and the Daily Express (Independent Right-Wing).

The guardian (Liberal) says: "The real question is whether Lord Home can be more than just another puppet dancing to the Prime Minister's tune."

'Old faces'

News of the Cabinet changes is given in a wide variety of banner headlines ranging from the Conservative Daily Mail's "old faces in new jobs: the big let-down" to the Daily Herald's "so it's home, sweet home: what have we done to deserve this."

The News Chronicle (Liberal) sees the most significant of the changes in the appointment of Mr Edward Heath as what it describes as "Britain's first minister for European affairs."

Mr Heath, 44, former Minister of Labour, has become the government's House of Commons spokesman on Foreign Affairs with the non-departmental portfolio of Lord Privy Seal. He also holds a brief for being specially concerned with European affairs.

'Headmaster Mac'

The Daily Mirror banner headlines read: "Jolly old pals' Cabinet.... Headmaster Macmillan hands out the prizes."

This popular newspaper concentrates its attention on the high incidence of old Etonians in the new Cabinet—former pupils at Britain's most exclusive Public (private) School.

The Daily Express headlines are: "Macmillan sticks to Home in a job reshuffle that will be an explosive mixture: angry Tories' Cabinet has no new blood in it"—Reuters.

BRITAIN MAY LET U.S. HAVE BASES FOR SUBS

London, July 27.
A high government source said today Britain is ready to provide several new strategic bases to the United States—bases for the nuclear-powered submarines that will carry the Polaris missiles.

This report underlined Mr Harold Macmillan's intention to resist demands for abolishing American—air and rocket bases here.

But in the wake of the U-2 and RB-47 plane incidents, Mr Macmillan is insisting on a clear-cut set of rules governing the use of these bases.

NEGOTIATIONS

In general these rules would be designed to give the British the right to pick and veto the sort of peacetime military operations conducted by Americans in England.

Negotiations for the revision of the 1951 Atlantic-Turkey base agreement are going on in Washington.

But the informant indicated they are progressing more slowly than had been anticipated.
And further exchanges between Mr Macmillan and President Eisenhower will be needed before they can be concluded.—AFP.

American soldier defects to Russia

Moscow, July 27.
A U.S. army sergeant who disappeared from Frankfurt with his wife and three children 44 days ago has defected to the Soviet Union, Tass reported today.

The soldier was Joseph Dutkanicz of Tujunga, California, a native of Poland who was forced to work in a Nazi slave labour camp during World War II. Tass said he had asked for political asylum.

Dutkanicz left Frankfurt, with his wife and young children to begin a 21-day furlough and was not seen again. Today's announcement by Tass was the first word since then.

Dutkanicz, a fluent Russian linguist, is a graduate of the army's tough ranger commando course. The army identified him as a supply sergeant but refused to answer questions about his background.

The official government newspaper Izvestia today published a letter it said it received from Dutkanicz explaining why he broke with the Western world at the end of June.

"I have seen for myself that the American military, together with the capitalists, are stepping up the arms race and preparing a new war," Izvestia quoted him.

Widespread reports in the German press say that he had gone behind the iron curtain because his parents still live in Poland.—UPI.

Opposition to Katanga's independence

Elisabethville, July 27.
The opposition Cartel Party walked out of the Katanga Assembly today in protest against the method the Prime Minister, Mr Moise Tshombe, and his government had used to declare Katanga's independence.

The opposition leader, Mr Prosper Mwamba, dashed hopes of a quiet settlement of internal disputes when he led a walkout of 14 Cartel members present after laying down conditions for Cartel support for independence and participation in the government.

Before the walkout Mr Mwamba warned that if a coalition government were not formed in the province, his Cartel party would be obliged to set up its own government in north-east Katanga, where it has popular support from the Baluba tribe.

SOLUTION

He appealed to Mr Tshombe to find a solution to the current crisis as soon as possible—before force had to be used against the people.

Earlier—although the question of the independence declaration was not on the Assembly's agenda—opposition members had stood up to say the people in their constituencies did not want independence from the rest of the Congo.

The speaker told them they were wasting time; independence was a fact and they were too late with their protest.—Reuters.

Iran under pressure

Baghdad, July 27.
Iraq today joined the Arab states asking neighbouring Iran to reconsider its recognition of Israel.

A letter from the Iraq Foreign Ministry sought an explanation of Iran's latest move.—UPI.

CUREFW

Aden, July 27.
A night curfew has been imposed in the main towns of Central and Southern Yemen following new bomb incidents in Tbb and Telx last week, usually reliable sources said today.

Sensational end to UK murder trial

Stafford, July 27.
A 49-year-old woman, Mrs Miriam Hill, was today found not guilty of murdering her 19-year-old husband, Dennis, who was shot dead on June 13—nine weeks after their marriage.

She had denied the charge of capital murder, which carries the death penalty. The jury also returned a verdict of not guilty of manslaughter.

The court was told yesterday that Mrs Hill shot her husband with the muzzle of a gun only inches from his chest. There had been trouble between them, and Hill had been turned out of the bungalow earlier.

EVIDENCE

The prosecution submitted that there was evidence that Mrs Hill had intended to shoot her husband if he came to the bungalow again.

Mr M. King-Hamilton, defending, said: "It is a common ground that Mrs Hill shot Dennis Hill, but what she says is that when she did it she was acting in self-defence." The evidence of self-defence was "almost overwhelming," he added.

Mrs Hill told the court earlier today that the first month of her marriage to Dennis Hill had been quite happy, but after that it began to deteriorate after she had suggested he was spending too freely.

He attacked her and put a towel round her neck, and then attacked her son, who had tried to distract him.

STRONG MAN

He was a very strong man, and proud of his physique. On two occasions later he had put his hands round her throat and bruised her. On another occasion he had gone "quite berserk" and smashed her china and glassware, he had also thrown flower pots at her, hitting her in the face, Mrs Hill said.

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NIXON WINS

New York, July 27.
Vice President Richard Nixon was today nominated Republican candidate for the forthcoming presidential elections.—UPI.

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Heavy rains

Bombay, July 27.
Bombay was cut off today from the industrial city of Poona and the south coastal strip after twenty-four hours of heavy monsoon rains washed away a bridge on the main highway 40 miles from here.
The rain has also delayed unloading and loading of 60 cargo ships in Bombay Harbour. Runways at the city airport are so waterlogged that a Boeing comet flight to Colombo was delayed an hour this morning.—UPI.

Earthquakes near Rome

Rome, July 27.
Two new earthquakes were registered at Terni, about 50 miles north of Rome, during the past 24 hours, continuing the series of some 70 shocks felt in the region during the past ten days.

About a dozen of the tremors have been particularly strong and most of the residents of the region have left the urban centres.

Almost 90,000 people were camping out in improvised shelters or in the open.—AFP.

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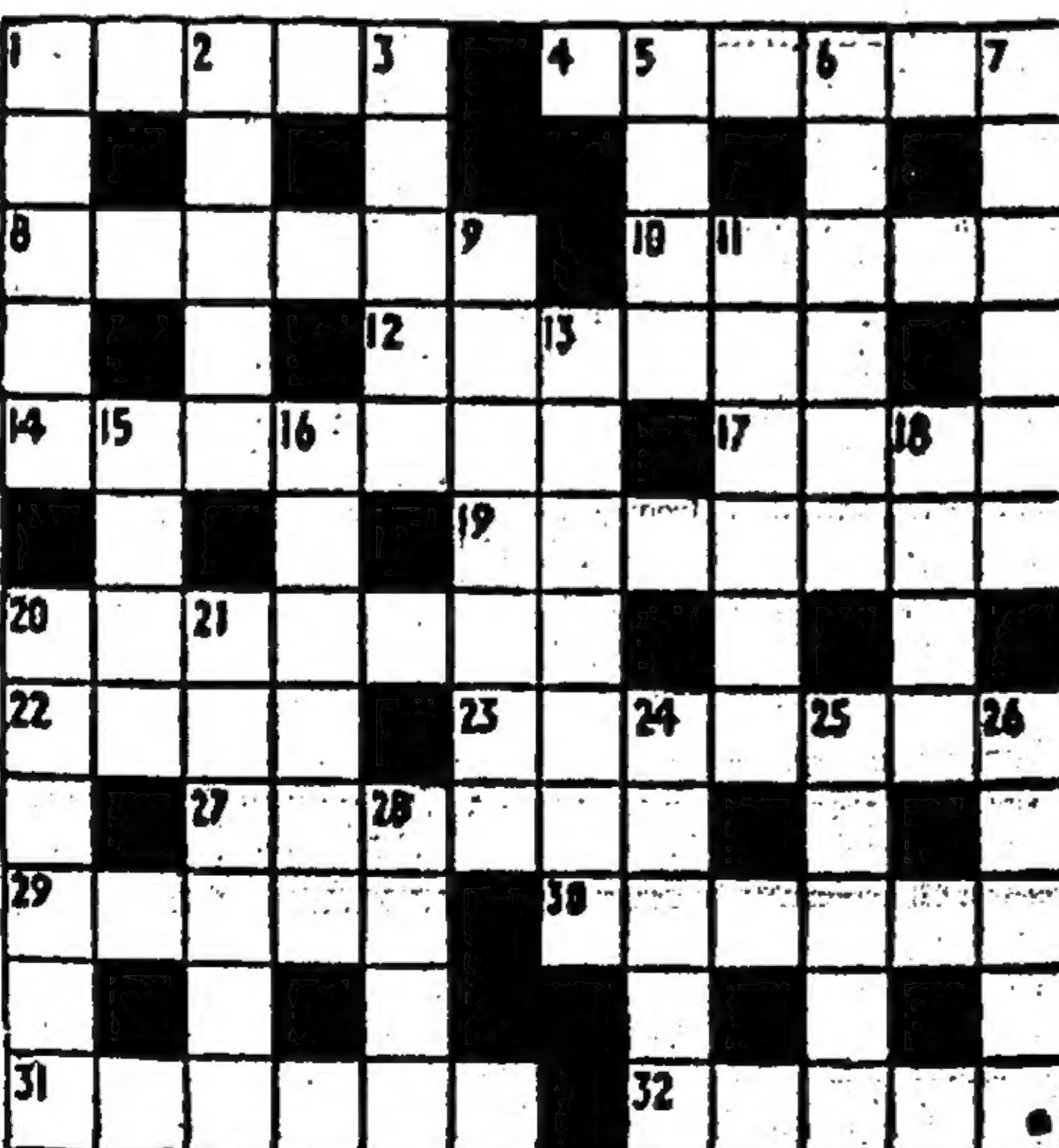
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- Popular beast. (5)
 - Having been ticked. (6)
 - Tribute from the war. (8)
 - German river folk. (5)
 - Egg time. (6)
 - Be entitled to reward. (7)
 - Some need it for news. (4)
 - Forced to quit. (7)
 - Follow a Scout's example? (7)
 - This indicates addition. (4)
 - In a short while. (7)
 - Traveller, not usually in drugs. (6)
 - Really good quality. (5)
 - "27," maybe, in used cars. (6)
 - Very slack about the girl. (8)
 - It may be fought for. (5)
- DOWN**
- Manhandled—or footed? (5)
 - Those without them are satisfied. (5)
 - In the manner of. (5)
 - Put your feet up? (4)
 - Growing incentive. (6)
 - Gave as a considered opinion. (6)
 - Talked nonsensically. (7)
 - Indecent writer. (6)
 - Cut off with a shilling at first. (7)
 - Leat demoted. (4)
 - Ship out, apparently. (8)
 - Detected in the act? (4)
 - Mollycoddle. (6)
 - One of those kindest regards? (8)
 - Put up—straight up. (5)
 - Small hostess. (5)
 - Eat too much Cheddar? (5)
 - They usually have it. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Transfer, 8 Ural, 9 Loophole, 11 Unbridge, 13 Time, 15 Achieved, 18 Ravenna, 19 Belt, 21 Delivery, 23 Computer, 25 Pill, 27 Newling. Down: 1 Zulu, 2 Barb, 4 Road, 5 Nape, 6 Flora, 7 Beeve, 9 Liver, 10 Older, 12 Nacre, 14 Miser, 16 Valet, 17 Dope, 18 Bacon, 20 Limp, 21 Dual, 22 Leap, 23 Edit, 24 Suck.

West German jailed by Hungarians for espionage

Budapest, July 27.
A West German citizen was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for espionage by the Budapest military court here today—and both prosecutor and defence counsel appealed against it.

He is Karoly Heidt, alias Karl Schmidt, a 32-year-old taxi driver from Schwabisch, Gmünd in West Germany.

Heidt had pleaded guilty to treason at Hungary's first public spy trial for six years.

'RECRUITED'

He told the tribunal earlier today he had been "recruited" by United States intelligence services and sent to Hungary on an espionage mission.

He said his task was to contact two men in Hungary who were to obtain information on rocket launching sites north of Lake Balaton in Western Hungary.

One of these two men told the tribunal he had never met the accused, and expressed consternation that his name had been given as a contact.

The other man was not called as a witness. He is in a medical clinic.

The appeals will be submitted in writing to the Military College of the Hungarian Supreme Court.

The prosecutor, a captain, appealed against the sentence on the grounds that it was too light.

Counsel for the defence appealed for a lighter sentence and against the "faulty representation of certain facts of the case" and against "faulty technical interpretation of certain legal counts as given in the verdict."—Reuters.

Four-in-one 'cocktail vaccine'

Copenhagen, July 27.
A Canadian scientist told poliomyelitis specialists today that children of the future would probably be given a "cocktail vaccine" protecting them from polio, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

Dr. D. R. E. MacLeod of the University of Toronto told the fifth international Poliomyelitis Conference that latest research indicated children would not have to have separate immunisation against polio.

It was hoped they would be given the "cocktail vaccine" in the first few months of their lives.

Three Canadian laboratories had already produced such a vaccine, and it had been found that the "cocktail" gave just as effective protection against polio as the polio vaccine by itself.—Reuters.

Mrs Powers seeks to visit Russia

Washington, July 27.
Mrs Francis Powers wife of the American pilot who was flying the U-2 reconnaissance plane shot down over Soviet territory last May 1, today requested authorisation from the Soviet Embassy to visit her husband now held by Soviet authorities.

She said after leaving the Embassy that she hoped to obtain the necessary visa for the trip to Moscow.—AFP.

Potato veto

London, July 27.
British MPs today vetoed a proposal to serve dehydrated potatoes in the House of Commons dining room.

The plan was put forward light-heartedly by Labour Member Norman Dodds.—AP.

No UN move on New Guinea, Australians told

Madang, July 27.
Mr Arthur Calwell, the Federal opposition leader, said today he did not believe the United Nations would demand Australia's premature withdrawal from New Guinea.

He said he thought the Australian government would resist any "unreasonable attempts" by the United Nations to force such a move.

"It could be proved that an Australian walkout would mean a revision to savagery," he said, "I don't think the United Nations would insist."

SPATE OF NEGRO ASSAULTS

Chicago, July 27.
A gang of Negro youths assaulted two white men with baseball bats, raped their pregnant wives and knifed another youth on Tuesday night in Lincoln Park.

Police shot one gang member and seized the other four within a mile of the park, adjacent to Lake Michigan.

The five youths—one 18 years old, three 16 and one 15—admitted taking part in the assaults, police said. The five victims required hospital treatment.

Meanwhile in New Orleans, the suburban community of Kenner was described as an "armed camp" today as a man-hunt went on for an unidentified Negro who raped a white woman.

Negroes were under curfew order to stay off the streets. Many men, armed with shotguns or rifles, stayed at home during the day to guard their families.

The tension began last Thursday when a 50-year-old white woman was raped in her home.

Police said tense conditions were the reason for ordering Negroes off the streets.—AP.

4 Indians jailed for life

Birmingham, July 27.
Four Indians were sentenced to life imprisonment at Birmingham Assizes today for murdering another Indian in a fight outside a Coventry public house last May.

A fifth Indian was acquitted of murder and also found not guilty of manslaughter.

The four sentenced were Jugtar Singh, 27, Joginder Singh, 29, Gurdev Singh, 33, and Swarn Singh, 37, all of Coventry.

The acquitted man is Sadhu Singh, 40, of Coventry.

They had all pleaded not guilty to murdering Sarwan Singh, 38 during a fight outside a public house on May 22.—AFP.

Russia would follow suit

Moscow, July 27.
Mr Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister today reaffirmed that if the United States carried out fresh atomic weapon tests the Soviet Union would feel free to follow suit, according to Tass.

"President Eisenhower declared that the United States would unilaterally resume experimental atomic weapons tests later this year despite the three-power agreement that tests would not be resumed during the (Geneva test-ban) negotiations," Mr Mikoyan was quoted saying in the latest issue of the Soviet journal, International Affairs.—Reuters.

Mr Calwell is visiting New Guinea to "see for himself" if the natives want Australia to leave.

He said that certain things had happened in the world which have enabled Australian mongers in Australia to compare New Guinea with the Congo and other countries.

"I have realised the position that the Australian community has reached in the world," he said, "and I am sure that the Australian people will support the government in this regard."

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The VC.10 will go to the starting line of the London Airport runways for a Transatlantic flight with full passenger and fuel load weighing 133 tons.

An even bigger version, the Super VC.10, will have a take-off weight of 154 tons.

The other day, as I walked through the vast erecting shops at Brooklands which was Britain's most popular pre-war racing circuit, I saw how modern airplane building is entering the "heavy engineering" class.

No longer is the big airplane built up entirely of small parts bolted or riveted together. It is passing out of that phase, just as it passed to metal from wood and cloth.

Machined

Large parts of the VC.10 are being machined from the solid metal.

Vickers engineers introduced a lot of machining into the Vanguard prop-jet airliner soon to go into service. Even more is being done for the VC.10.

Big sections of the airliner's outer skin, including the windows, are being cut and shaped from the solid. So are the skin sections for the wings.

Thick panels 3ft. long by 6ft. wide are being cut by metal-planing machines so delicately that the area around the

windows is left three times as thick as the skin itself.

All this gives added strength to the giant VC.10.

It will guard against pressurization blow-outs, and the VC.10 is to be pressurized at a higher rate than most airliners. At 40,000 feet passengers will have 6,000 feet "atmosphere" compared with 8,000 feet equivalent in most jet airliners.

Tough steel

Steel-frame ribs sunk in concrete are being used to assemble the great 158-foot long aircraft. The Super VC.10 will be 188 feet.

I climbed up on one rib where the tail is being assembled. Large parts of this are solid-machined metal. Not only of alloy. The engine mounting "spars" which will take the four big Rolls-Royce Conways at the rear of the airplane, are machined from solid, tough steel.

BOAC has ordered 35 VC.10's at a cost of £260,000,000, and 10 Super VC.10's costing £225,000,000.

No contract has yet been placed, but the Super has been talked of as the all-purpose airplane of the future for the RAF. One that can be a transport, one-day or a Skybolt missile carrier the next.

(London Express Service)

NORTH WEST FRONTIER

OPENING its run in Hongkong theatres today is the exciting, colourful story of an anti-quoted train's drama-packed journey through the rebel-infested North West Frontier of India at the turn of the century, carrying a young Indian prince to safety. This film, a Rank Organisation production, stars Kenneth More, as Captain Scott, Lauren Bacall as Catherine Wyatt.

THE tribesmen lay hidden in the wild, bare, scrub-clothed hills that formed the rim of a baking bowl of land—waiting.

They were patient. Not a warrior showed. Not one long, lean, lithe limb was lifted above the skyline. But as they waited their hatred grew. Their ruthless lust for blood increased. Their appetite for war mounted.

For this was a sacred cause—religion against religion. Moslem against Hindu.

So they waited for the sign. For the winking light that would flash from hill to hill. The sign that would tell them the uprising was complete. The signal to ATTACK.

The Rajah's palace, overlooked by the watchful eyes of the tribesmen, seemed to be deserted—at least from the outside. Along the whole of the immensely thick walls not a soul was to be seen. The quiet before the storm.

Sad leave

Within the imposing hall the Rajah was taking leave of his son. A sad leave, yet dignified, ceremonious and regal.

The Rajah, bearded, with jewels glinting in his turban, sat in a great chair on a raised dais as though holding court.

Before him stood his young son, a lonely figure with great, dark, pathetic eyes, and a grave courtesy that seemed to belie his youth.

Prince Kishan was too young to fear the tragedy that was to follow, yet almost a man in his courtly bearing.

Slowly and sadly the Rajah placed a jewelled box in his son's hands. Silently the boy took it, turning dark inquiring eyes upon his father, but keeping silent out of respect for the Rajah's sorrow.

Father embraced son. There was finally about it—the portent of permanent parting. The boy stepped down from the dais to join the two silent figures standing respectfully in the body of the hall.

Salutation

One was Catherine Wyatt, governess to the young prince. She was tall, beautiful, capable, and American. In her eyes was the agony of great emotion.

The other was Captain Scott, of the Indian Army sturdy, resourceful, very British. To them had fallen the task of taking the young prince from the palace to safety.

No word passed between them. They turned to go, the boy with them. But at the door of the chamber, the prince

turned to gaze upon his father, sensing perhaps that this would be the last time he would see him.

The Rajah raised a hand in solemn salutation.

So journeyed Prince Kishan to the walled and beleaguered fort guarding the ancient city of Haserabad in the North West Frontier of India at the turn of the century.

While the small party was still within a short distance of the palace the tribesmen swooped, an avalanche of death flooding down from the hills and into the palace. The Rajah was one of the first to fall to the flashing sabre-like swords.

From their vantage point Scott and Catherine saw the palace ablaze. Smoke billowed high over the doomed building. Flames, like live, writhing fingers, caressed each window and doorway with the embrace of destruction.

Last train

The ever-expanding columns of smoke waited lazily into the coppery sky, obscuring the sun—a threatening, frightening sign to the refugees trying to escape from Haserabad. There was but one way—the last train out.

Hundreds of refugees swarmed into it. And when the compartments were full more and still more refugees climbed to the roofs, on to the footboards, or clung to the outside of the carriages.

Scores more fought for places on the train. They were repelled by those already clinging to the carriages like flies. Once the train got under way most of those on the roof and clinging to the outside would become exhausted, lose their hold and fall to their deaths on the track.

This human honey-pot had already departed—the last train out—by the time Scott, Catherine, and the boy reached the fortifications of the city. It was perhaps as well.

Scott pushed a way through the excited jabbering crowds to



THE Rajah takes a brief farewell of his son, the young Prince Kishan (GOVIND ROSS), as his Governess (LAUREN BACALL) and their escort Captain Scott (KENNETH MORE) look on.

Government House. Beyond the fortified walls of the city fighting was going on. Haserabad was in a state of siege.

Protection

Once inside Government House Scott put the prince down. Catherine knelt to wipe his dirty face and soothe him. Scott grinned reassuringly down at the boy.

"He'll be all right," he remarked cheerfully. "Of course," agreed Catherine, looking up and smiling. "His people have always been soldiers."

The remark was more for the sake of Prince Kishan than for Scott.

The little group was joined by two others—Bridie, a retired Civil Servant who had made Haserabad his home for the past 20 years, and Peters, a European salesman of arms—including the rifles the rebel tribesmen were using at that very moment.

Failed

"I demand protection and an immediate escort away from this place," Peters was saying. Bridie smiled at him soothingly, but it was the new arrivals he addressed.

"Captain Scott, His Excellency said he wanted to see you as soon as you arrived."

Scott picked up the child and, with Catherine at his heels, went up the staircase.

In the Governor's study Scott described his journey and the last hours of the Rajah.

"The important thing now is Prince Kishan," said the Governor. "Delhi sent a special order: get him out at all costs. It seems I've failed!"

General Ames, the Commander of the garrison, entered, looking worried and tired.

The whole party moved into the library where Scott had left Catherine and the prince.

Prince Kishan had been playing with a musical box. But when he saw the three men he stopped.

"Your Highness," said the Governor. "I am glad to welcome you to my home."

Too late

The boy smiled gravely and bowed slightly. "I am honoured to be here sir," he replied.

The Governor greeted Catherine. She said: "I promised I'd take him to safety. It was the last thing his . . . I promised."

She regarded the men with stormy eyes. Catherine Wyatt was a woman with a will of her own—and views of her own, too.

She proceeded to express them now. "If you had acted on my first message, three days ago, the boy would have been safe in Delhi by now." Her tone was the more uncompromising because she was irritated by the patronising attitude adopted by the Governor and Brigadier Ames.

Brigadier Ames, irritated as well, told her: "I think we are the best judges of that."

Catherine's eyes opened wider. "I disagree. The English never seem to do things until they have had a cup of tea, by which time it is too late."

Then, realising that she was overfired, she added: "I'm sorry. That's how it seems to an American."

It was perhaps, just as well that Lady Windham entered at that moment. She was, as usual, in a hurry. Lady Windham was forceful, charming, shrewd, and devoted to her husband.

She greeted everybody in a whirlwind ten seconds and then swept Catherine away for a bath and a rest.

Before she left, Catherine turned to face Brigadier Ames and the Governor. "You'll have to excuse me for speaking my mind. I happen to think that's what it's for," she said, smiling wryly.

Last thing

Later, alone in the Governor's study, Windham and Ames discussed the chances of holding out. Windham said: "The dispatch from Delhi made it clear that we were to save Prince Kishan's life. If it is the last thing we do."

"It may well be the last thing we do," replied Ames drily. An aide-de-camp went to fetch Captain Scott. Unwittingly he left the door open. In the adjoining room were Lady Windham and Catherine. They listened intently to what followed between Ames and Windham.

"The boy's our only chance of restoring order in this province," the Governor was saying. "He may be only five years old, but he's the religious leader of hundreds of thousands of Hindus."

Yes, the one man in all India who could deliver them from their present danger was Gupta. His name was Gupta. Gupta's face was bearded. His teeth were white. His smile huge. His heart greater.

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as his father, the Hindus will have no leader. It will be a religious civil war on a grand scale—worse than the mutiny."

Caplain Scott came in at that moment and the Governor asked him: "Scott, what are your chances of getting Prince Kishan to Kalapur in safety?"

Scott, sensing the concern, "Things as bad as that, sir?"

Glared

Catherine had come into the room. When challenged she told them that she was more concerned than anyone else by the subject under discussion.

The Governor turned to Catherine. "You'll both have to stay here, I'm afraid. It'll be perfectly safe. We expect reinforcements at any time."

Catherine almost glared. "I'm beginning to understand the English people a little. What you mean is that it won't be safe at all and that reinforcements will not be able to reach here in time."

The Governor turned to Scott with a gesture of dismissal. "Thank you, Captain Scott."

Scott left. He closed the study door and stood against it thinking. An idea was beginning to form in his mind. There was one man in the whole of the city who might be able to help him.

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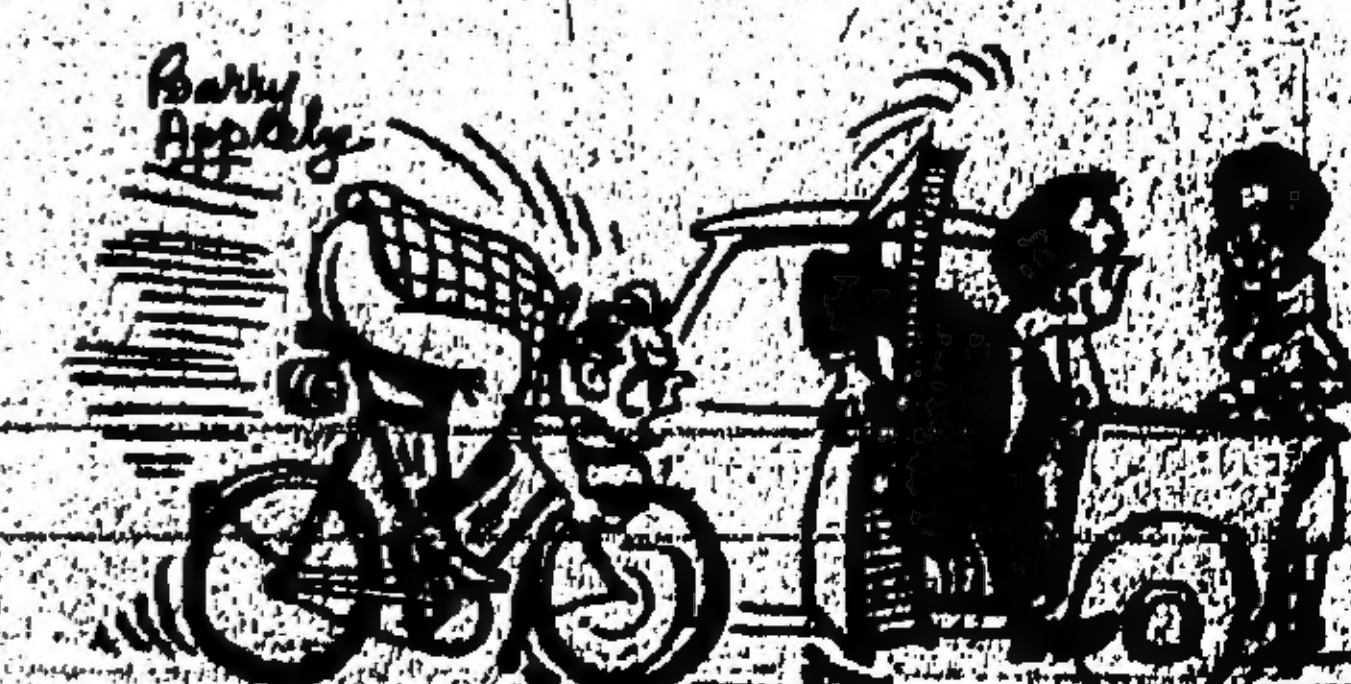
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PISCES (1) (February 20-March 20): You will find a person born under **TAURUS** a most pleasant companion and given time, a permanent association is not unlikely.

ARIES (6) (March 21-April 19): Don't be hurt by some constructive criticism which is given in your best interest.

TAURUS (2) (April 20-May 20): It would be much wiser to settle a pending dispute in an amicable way than by getting involved in long-drawn-out litigation.

GEMINI (5) (May 21-June 21): A pleasant surprise is awaiting you in your dealings with a close relative.

CANCER (7) (June 22-July 21): If a partner does not approve of a change you want to initiate, resist the impulse to act without his consent.

LEO (3) (July 22-August 21): You are likely to meet a very interesting person of the opposite sex on holiday, and may well wish to develop the relationship.

VIRGO (9) (August 22-September 22): By concentrating on too many details you are apt to overlook the main point at issue. Delegate some of the minor work to others.

LIBRA (3) (September 23-October 22): Although you love to entertain in your own home, you must space these occasions in accordance with the money you can spare to make them a success.

SCORPIO (12) (October 23-November 21): Don't be on edge if an application to the authorities appears to be ignored. Such things always take time.

SAGITTARIUS (10) (November 22-December 21): Postpone an important decision if you feel that your judgment at the

moment is not as balanced as it might be.

CAPRICORN (4) (December 22-January 20): Your partner may have a sudden rise in status and you will be the first to benefit by it.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER:

Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH could hardly believe his ears when his partner jumped from three diamonds to four spades. South had chosen to open one spade only and here was his partner showing enthusiasm.

South's first impulse was to leap right to a grand slam, but the Blackwood convention was at his disposal so he checked for aces with four no-trump and kings with five no-trump. When North bid six clubs to show no kings, South realised he would need a finesse if he wanted to make seven and stopped at six.

South did manage to make seven, but it would not have been there for him if he had bid it. He won the opening diamond lead; trumped a diamond in dummy; drew trumps; led the jack of clubs and let it ride.

♥+CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
 North East South West
 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass
 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
 3♥ Pass ?

Q—You South, hold:
 ♠KJ5 ♣AQ765 ♣KQ97
 What do you do now?

A—Bid six diamonds. Your partner is bidding in minimums and while he might have the right cards for seven you should leave it to him to go there if he has those cards.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand and your partner has jumped to three hearts after your bid of two diamonds. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 10			
♠Q107	♥K873	♦A1085	♣A1085
WEST EAST			
♠552	♥K10842	♦QJ1085	♣K92
♠763	♥AKJ963	♦AK6	♣J4
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦Q			

At this point, East could have taken his king, but East was trying to beat six and could see that South would wrap the hand up if he, East, took that trick so East simply played the deuce as if he didn't have a care in the world.

If South had been careless he would have repeated the club finesse, but South was well aware of the possibility that East might have been holding the king back and South did not need any more club finesses for the small slam.

Instead South went up with dummy's ace on the second club lead and then finessed his own jack of hearts. Since East had that jack also, the jack held and South claimed seven.



"Tickets! Buy your tickets!" Chris was shouting.

All the Bugs were sitting on bottles and cans and pieces of wood. Christopher Cricket was the clown.

Christopher Cricket was the juggler. How he juggled match sticks and buttons and bent pins all together!

Christopher Cricket was the tightrope walker. He walked right across an old clothes-line as though it was as wide as an avenue!

Chris, the lion

Christopher Cricket was the lion. He roared and leaped around and stood on his high legs!

Christopher Cricket was the elephant. He danced all around and flapped his ears.

And finally, Christopher Cricket was the seller of peanuts, popcorn and pink lemonade, one buttercup-petal a thimbleful of each!

"Well," said Christopher Cricket later to Knarf and Hanid, "and how did you like our Bug-circus?"

Just wonderful!

"You were wonderful," Christopher Cricket said Hanid, "the most wonderful clown and juggler and ticket-seller and Ringmaster and tightrope walker and everything that we've ever seen in any circus!"

"I think so, too!" said Knarf. And Christopher Cricket smiled. He really was pleased with himself.

The Ringmaster stood in the middle of the circus. He was dressed all in white, white hat, white coat, white shoes. And he had a big white whip.

It was Christopher Cricket! What a circus it was!

"How much are they, please?" Hanid asked.

"Two dandelion stufts," said Christopher, the Ticket Seller.

Knarf quickly ran and pulled off four stufts from the nearest dandelion. He gave them to Chris. Then they went inside.

But Christopher ran in first. "Everybody sit down!" cried the Ringmaster.

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What did YOU do the day the world didn't end?

I DON'T know how those 7,000 people reported sitting on Mont Blanc waiting for the end of the world feel now. But with the rain belting down and the wind whipping my willow trees to ribbons, the day before Doomsday, I was quite prepared to give their predictions a second thought.

"So today may be my last full day," said I to myself, surveying my steaming bedroom windows—but what to DO? So much have I left undone.

I have never had a Turkish bath... been to Burma... made a really perfect soufflé... seen inside St Paul's Cathedral... learned to skate backwards... seen a child born... become a J.P. ... painted a picture with which I was entirely satisfied... driven my husband's car at 100 miles an hour... or sailed alone.

All these things and a million more I have planned to do.

"Too late, too late," pattered the rain.

I could, I argued, be practical and set my affairs in order, but to what purpose?

What comfort would a last-minute cheque be to the butcher when the big bang came?

And what of the people who have merited a piece of my mind and not received it?

TOO LATE, TOO LATE to ring X's wife and tell her I think she behaves so badly to him—especially in public. She'll be on the Continent! On Mont Blanc, probably—she doesn't miss a thing.

TOO LATE to complain about fifty trains on the Marylebone line, the diabolical housing "development" in my nearest town, the hypocrisy of television advertising, and the rising costs of household laundry.

Precious moments

And suddenly, how little it all mattered.

"Why the sad face?" said my son bursting in with his school bag over his shoulder—"And why the extra kisses?"

"You going away or something?"

How infinitely precious one's children seem at times like these. If only one could learn to live every day with such heightened appreciation!

Everything, it seemed, as that long wet day wore on, smelt, felt, and tasted better.

Thursday morning too—the rain washed valley in the early morning, the smelt crowds as I drove to London, the lift man joking with me seemed specially special before the rush of the day engulfed me.

I answered letters, I made sketches, I lunched with one of the finest cookery experts in town. I finished my coffee, said my goodbyes, and hailed a cab for Fleet Street.

In Piccadilly I spotted a clock—and suddenly my heart sang!

It was half-past three and nothing had happened.

I can still learn to skate backwards, and I might even become a J.P.

I'll never paint a picture to be proud of, and I'll never have the courage to tell X's wife just what I think of her—but oh, the bliss of being ALIVE.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Bug-Circus

—Chris Cricket Is An All-Round Performer—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW DON'T think for one second," said Christopher Cricket, as he sat himself down next to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, "that we Bugs—and I don't mind calling myself by that name, not one bit—don't have as much fun as anybody else."

Hanid agrees

Christopher Cricket said these words in a somewhat sharp tone of voice. He also looked sharply at Knarf and Hanid as though he expected one, or both of them, to argue with him.

Hanid smiled.

"Of course you do, Chris, dear," said Hanid sweetly. "No one ever said you didn't—you Bugs didn't have as much fun as anybody else."

"Only," said Knarf "you can't go to the circus like we can."

"I beg your pardon," said Christopher Cricket. "We can. We do. We will. And you two are invited."

All this sounded very mysterious. Hanid asked Christopher to please explain what he meant.

Their own circus

"What I mean is this," he said. "We Bugs all saw that the circus was coming here. We saw the pictures in the newspaper. We heard about it from the Birds, who hear and see everything. So we decided to have our own circus."

"But how can Bugs have their own circus, Chris?" asked Knarf.

"Chris, dear," Hanid said, "to have a real big-top circus, you need acrobats, and clowns, and bareback riders, and tightrope walkers, and people who swing high up in the air, and Lion-tamers, and Elephants."

Christopher Cricket held up his hand.

"That's enough," he said. "We've got them all. You come with me to our Bug-circus, and see for yourselves."

Then Knarf and Hanid nodded and said they would be only

to glad to go with Christopher Cricket to his Bug-circus.

Christopher Cricket took them down the street, and around the corner and under a fence—and there they were, in a big vacant lot with a few clumps of grass here and there, and one or two buttercups and dandelions, and some old boxes that nobody wanted, and some bottles and some old tin cans.

"Follow me—come right along," Christopher kept saying. "We're nearly there!"

Finally, at the far end of the lot, Christopher stopped.

"There it is!" he said, pointing.

There it was—the Bug-circus!

Looked like tent

Somewhat—perhaps it was just the wind—had spread open an old, half-broken umbrella. It looked like a tent. Knarf started to say, "It's only an umbrella!" but Christopher didn't hear him.

"You'd better buy your tickets," Christopher said. "The circus is about to begin."

"Tickets! Buy your tickets!" a voice began shouting.

To their surprise, Knarf and Hanid saw that it was their old friend Christopher, who was now standing on an empty tin can.

He was wearing a tall hat and pink shoes and a blue necktie, and he was selling tickets.

"Come along—buy your tickets!"

What price?

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Rupert and the Squire—46



News spreads quickly and Rupert's friends have come from all sides by the time the Constable arrives to congratulate the little bear on being so much help in the case. "In the end we didn't need the Nutcracker police at all," the Squire grins. "Well, now let me take my pals into the wood," laughs Rupert. "Bill's cricket ball!"



is still on top of that stone hut and, oh yes, my Mum's a basket should still be there somewhere. I was carrying it when all this started. At last we can pick her some blackberries!"

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Bowlers' day in County Cricket

LANCS' KEN HIGGS ACHIEVES SEASON'S THIRD HAT-TRICK

London, July 27.

The principal honours went to bowlers in the County Cricket Championship matches which began today. The most devastating display was at Blackpool, where 23-year-old Lancashire pace bowler Ken Higgs turned the tide against Essex with the season's third hat-trick.

Doug Insole (105) and Trevor Bailey (82) had put Essex in a commanding position when Higgs started the Lancashire recovery by bowling Insole, who had been at the wicket 225 minutes.

Pre-Olympic basketball tournament begins Aug. 13

Bologna, July 27. At least 16 countries—and possibly more than 20—are sending basketball teams to this North Italian city for a Pre-Olympic Basketball Tournament.

The four top teams in the tournament will be admitted to the Olympic basketball competition. At Bournemouth, Hampshire, a Vice-president of the Italian Basketball Federation, today outlined plans for the Bologna tournament, which will run from Aug. 13 through 18.

Baratti said the 16 countries entered were Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Taiwan, Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, Israel, Yugoslavia, Poland, Surinam, Switzerland, Thailand, Bulgaria and Spain.

South Korea and Luxembourg, after sending in preliminary entry forms, decided to withdraw.

DRAW ON AUG. 7
Preliminary entries also were submitted by Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Morocco, Indonesia, Turkey, Sudan and Argentina. Baratti said these countries have until midnight on Friday, to confirm their entries.

He added that the draw for the tournament would be made on Aug. 7.

Twelve nations already have been admitted to the Olympic competition on the basis of their past performances in Olympic and world play. The twelve were Italy, Japan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the United States, Russia, Uruguay, France, Bulgaria, Brazil, the Philippines and Chile.

Chile has indicated it may not send a basketball team to Rome. If it doesn't the top five teams at Bologna may be admitted to the Rome competition.—AP.

RAF Swimming Championships



Start of the 50 yards freestyle ladies' race at the Royal Air Force Swimming Championships at Kai Tak pool yesterday. Winner of the event in 16 seconds was Mrs Young (second from camera). Mrs Thirnebeck (nearest camera) was second.—China Mail photo.

Springboks score 253 for four against Surrey

London, July 27.

A century by John Waite, his first of the tour, and a sparkling 53 from Roy McLean helped the South Africans to score 253 for four on the opening day of their match against Surrey at the Oval.

Considering that 50 minutes' play was lost through bad light this was a much better total than had appeared likely during some dreary batting in the morning and early afternoon. Jacky McGlew, no doubt thankful at being able to give his bowlers some additional rest after the Test, started brightly enough on winning the toss though he should have been caught by David Fletcher at first slip off the fourth ball of the game from Alec Bedser.

Bogged down

But after he was out well caught by Mike Stewart at short-leg Tony Pithey and Waite became bogged down in defence. Waite used his feet well, getting out to the pitch against Eric Bedser whose offbreaks nearly always dropped on a length. But having got there he almost invariably played with a dead bat. Pithey had periods of almost total inactivity and when he was finally held left-handed by Eric Bedser off a return. He had spent two and three-quarter hours for his 46.

Fours flowed

McLean so emphasised the fullness of the earlier crawl that one's mind went back to 1955 when he hit the Surrey bowlers for 151.

Fours flowed from his bat until, having hit ten boundaries in scoring 52 in 57 minutes, he was caught at the wicket off Gibson.

In this period Waite hit only 24 but he opened out a little afterwards, reaching 100 in just over four hours with the help of 11 fours and a five.

He was not out with 117 when the umpires once more called a halt because of bad light and that was end of play for the day.—AP.

Scoreboard FIRST INNINGS South Africans

D. J. McGlew c Stewart b Bedser	14
A. J. Pithey c and b E. Bedser	46
J. H. B. Waite not out	117
C. A. R. Duckworth c Parsons b Lock	10
R. A. McLean c Swettenham b Gibson	53
S. O'Linn not out	10
Extras	3
Total (for four wickets)	253

Wicketfalls: 1-22, 2-100, 3-143, 4-220.

Bowling to date	O	M	R	W
A. V. Bedser	13	4	35	1
D. Gibson	23	6	55	1
Sydneyham	21	5	58	0
E. A. Bedser	23	12	43	1
Lock	18	3	48	1

Johansson: Any time, any place

Goteborg, July 27.

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Ingemar Johansson has agreed to meet title-holder Floyd Patterson at the place and time which would suit the champion, Bill Furgay said here today.

Furgay, the president of Feature Sports Inc. made this statement after talking to Johansson.

He said that a representative of Feature Sports Inc. would come to Sweden early next month to talk to Floyd Patterson and his manager Gus D'Amato.

Floyd-Patterson will be then making an exhibition tour of Sweden. It seems now certain that the third title bout between Johansson and Patterson will take place in Los Angeles.

However, the date of the fight will be set later.—AP.

Surprise soccer defeat for Hungary XI

Copenhagen July 27.

Denmark today surprisingly defeated Hungary's special eleven—highly favoured at the Rome Olympics—in an international match in Copenhagen. The score was 1-0.

While the Hungarians were definitely superior technically, they made a poor showing when it came to putting the ball into the net. They missed numerous chances, not because of the Danish defence, but owing to their own lack of ability to score.

Hungary is to meet France in the first elimination round of the Olympics.—AP.

Russian champions held to a draw

Moscow, July 27.

The Dutch team Veenoord drew 2-2 with the Soviet Union soccer champions Moscow Dynamo here today. Tass reported.

Mayers scored in the 21st minute and Benars in the 87th for Veenoord.

Shapovalov scored both goals for Dynamo in the 17th and 33rd minutes.

A crowd of 20,000 watched the match at Moscow's Dynamo Stadium.—AP.

Appendicitis knocks out U.S. Olympic swim ace

Detroit, July 27.

Appendicitis today deprived American swimmer Jeff Farrell of a chance at the Olympics.

Farrell, 26, was stricken here while awaiting the U.S. Olympic swim trials opening next Tuesday.

The former University of Oklahoma student, discharged from the U.S. Navy last week, set American records in the 100-metre freestyle and the 200-metre freestyle last weekend in the National AAU swimming meeting at Toledo, Ohio.

Police rushed the Wichita, Kansas, swimmer to a hospital at 4:10 a.m. and he went on the operating table at 7 a.m.

'TOUGHEST BREAK'

Bob Kipphut, Yale University swimming coach, said:

"This is about the toughest break that you could possibly get. Normally, the doctors tell me, a person is in the hospital for five days after such an operation."

"The trials begin in five days. I don't see how Farrell can participate. If he doesn't swim in the trials, he would be out of the Games. I think he would have been a good bet for a gold medal at Rome."—AP.

RAINED OUT

Harverford, July 27.

The Pennsylvania Lawn Tennis Championships were rained out today. The round of eight in both women's and men's play was rescheduled for Thursday.—AP.

Foreign competitors dominate Oslo athletics meeting

Oslo, July 27.

Foreign athletes dominated an international track and field meeting at the Olympic Bislett Stadium here tonight.

World record holder Roger Moens of Belgium won his special 800 metres event in one minute 46.8 seconds, ahead of Jan Gulbrandson of Norway in 1:51.9.

Yolanda Bales of Rumania failed to improve her own women's high jump world record.

She equalled her official mark of 1.84 metres, but she has cleared 1.86 metres previously this season. This effort has, however, not yet been recognised. Ingabritt Lorenzen of Sweden was second with 1.6 metres.

Win for Tabori

The 23-year-old Rumanian girl cleared 1.84 metres in her first try, but failed three times to get over a record height of 1.87 metres.

Laszlo Tabori, an ex-Hungarian now representing the United States, comfortably outpaced a strong field to win the 1,500 metres in 3 minutes 43.8 seconds.

Zoltan Vamos of Rumania was second in 3:44.4 and Arne Hammarland of Norway finished third in 3:44.8, thus qualifying for the Rome Olympics. Vamos clocked 3:40.2 previously this year.

Beer bottles fly into the ring at Wales fight

Porthcawl, July 27.

Beer bottles, an umbrella, a chair and newspapers were thrown into the ring when Dick Richardson, Britain's European heavyweight champion, was disqualified in the eighth round of his scheduled ten-round fight against Mike De John of the United States, here in Wales tonight.

The barrage began when referee Eugene Henderson, one of the top officials in Britain, sent Welshman Richardson to his corner and disqualified him for allegedly butting with his head.

As De John went to Richardson's corner to say something, the first bottle soared in through the ropes, hit the floor and bounced out at the other side.

Then came a flurry of bottles, some of which smashed to pieces against the ring posts. The umbrella and an "artillery" of sodden newspapers followed. The boxers, their seconds and referee Henderson fought their way to the dressing-room in the drenching rain that was lashing the open-air stadium. They were surrounded by angry crowds. Several punches were exchanged, with most of the angry spectators trying to get at the referee.

Unscientific brawl

The fight was one which almost never started. Continuous rain throughout the afternoon had led to talks of a postponement, but as tomorrow's weather forecast seemed no better, the promoters allowed the programme to go on.

A suggested postponement for a week had to be rejected as Richardson is due to defend his European crown against fellow-Briton Brian London on August 29, and under European Boxing Union rules he cannot fight less than 28 days beforehand.

A crowd of about 6,000 watched the bout, an unscientific brawl which began as astonishingly as it ended with Richardson being floored for counts of six, six and seven in the first round by De John, who is eighth in the world rankings.—Reuter.

Splint to stop 'throwers'



Photo shows an elbow splint of the type recently worn in practice by South African fast bowler Geoff Griffin, who was forced to miss the recent two Tests because British umpires have consistently no-balled him for throwing.

The splint, designed originally to help golfers keep a straight left arm, was suggested to the South Africans by former golf international and Cambridge rowing blue Sir Harold Gillies, now 78 and a well-known plastic surgeon.—London Express photo.

New European swim records

Melo, July 27.

Corrie Schimmel set two European swimming records during the women's national 1,500 metres freestyle championship in the 50 metres Bosted pool, here in Holland today.

Miss Schimmel covered the 1,500 metres in 19 mins 45.1 secs, bettering her own previous record of 19:46.2 set at Utrecht in July last year. The world record, held by Australian Lisa Korneds, is 19:25.7.

During the race Miss Schimmel also bettered her 800 metres record with 10:18.8. Her previous time was 10:22.3. Miss Korneds also holds the 800 metres record at 10:11.4.—Reuter.

Baseball results

New York, July 27.

Results of today's baseball matches included:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago 10, 12, 2

Boston 4, 11, 0

Kansas City at Baltimore, postponed, rain.

Cleveland at New York—both games, postponed because of rain, rescheduled for Thursday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 0, 4, 1

San Francisco 0, 3, 0

Philadelphia 7, 15, 0

Chicago 5, 13, 1

'Predominate' makes history at Goodwood

Goodwood, July 27.

Mr H. J. "Jim" Joel's eight-year-old Predominate made history in the Goodwood Handicap Stakes here today by being the first horse since the inception of the race in 1823 to win the event three times.

Predominate, starting 15 to 8 favourite and ridden by Eph Smith, sprinted away in the final furlong of the two miles three furlongs stamina test to beat Mr W. Stirling's four-year-old Free Light, ridden by Eph's brother, Doug Smith, by four lengths.

Terrific finish

Mr C. Allen's Grecian Granity, with Herbert Holmes in the saddle was a further two lengths away, third of ten runners.

Freelight started at 6 to 1 and Grecian Granity at 10 to 1. The most valuable race on the second day of the four-day meeting, the one-mile £3,225 Sussex Stakes, produced a terrific finish, with the Aga Khan's Venture VII leading. Mr R. N. Webster's Irish-trained Martial by half a length to avenge a head defeat by the Irish colt in this year's 2,000 Guineas staid.

Australians George Moore and Ron Hutchinson rode first and second in the race, with Lester Piggott's mount, Sovereign Path,

a further half length away, third of six runners. Venture VII, who had a pull of six pounds with Martial in the weights, started favourite at 18 to 8. Martial was a 7 to 2 chance and Sovereign Path was returned at 9 to 2.

Irish trainer Paddy Prendergast and jockey Hutchinson had compensation for Martial's defeat when the American-owned two-year-old Typhoon won the six-furlong Richmond Stakes by one and a half lengths from Pardoo, ridden by Henry Carr. Joe Mercer's mount, Tudor Tale, was three lengths further back, third in a field of five.

2,000 Guineas hope

Typhoon, not favourite at 11 to 4 on, was tipped by trainer Prendergast as a likely 2,000 Guineas hope for next year.

There was a big upset in the three-horse King George Stakes, run over five furlongs, when the 11 to 8 on favourite Sing Sing was beaten a head by 100 to 3 outsider Bloop.

Bloop after a photo-finish. Tin Whistle, the 6 to 4 second favourite, was three lengths behind.

Sing Sing's owner, Mr W. Stirling, who disclosed last Saturday that his colt had been doped before it was intended to run him in the July Cup at Newmarket on July 2, said it was impossible to tell whether the doping affected Sing Sing's running today.—Reuter.

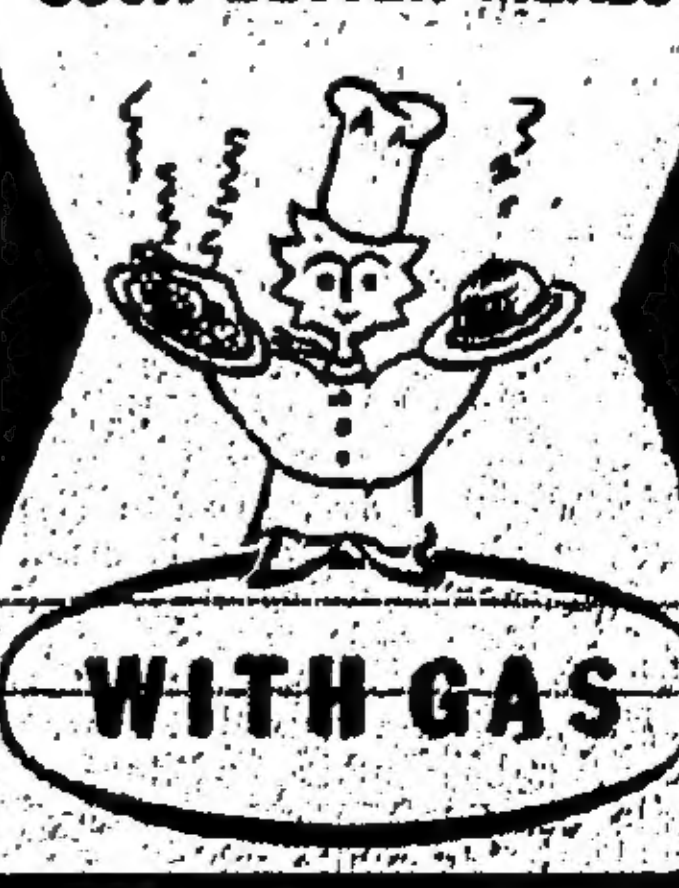
THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



COOK BETTER MEALS



WITH GAS

Asian victory at the White City



Streaking to the tape—and a record—India's quarter-miler Milka Singh. He set a United Kingdom and championship best time of 46.5 sec. for 440 yards at the British AAA Championships at the White City Stadium, London, last week.

HUNGARY SENDING 175 TO OLYMPICS

Budapest, July 27. Hungary's sports authorities have announced a 175-member provisional team for the Olympic Summer Games and said they expect it to be among the top ten nations.

Hungary ranked near the top in all previous Olympics on the basis of unofficial point scores. But Hungarian sports chief Gyula Hegyi warned recently

of undue optimism and said, "unpleasant surprises are just as possible as pleasant ones."

He said the Hungarian team included men and women and teams that stand a reasonable chance of getting among the top six of their events, but also a number of newcomers.

He said Hungary's fencers, kayak and canoe competitors,

one or two track and field stars, some of the shooters, and the football and water polo teams could win gold medals.

The final team may be larger as four more track and field entries, four rowers, two wrestlers and an undisclosed number of cyclists may still qualify for the Hungarian team. —AP.

DROPPED BY ENGLAND, THEN BY GLAMORGAN

Peter Walker now wants to quit

By MERVYN THOMAS

Peter Walker, dropped by England at the beginning of last week and then by Glamorgan the following Tuesday, may never play first-class cricket in Britain again.

He has asked Glamorgan to release him from his contract.

Walker has had candid words with Glamorgan captain and Test selector Wilfred Woolley.

He offered Woolley, who is also Glamorgan's secretary, his resignation during the county match against Somerset at Bath recently, but Woolley declined to accept it. Woolley told Walker to write to the county committee, and Walker has done so.

Glamorgan have kept the trouble secret for some time hoping that Walker would change his mind. He hasn't.

Musician

The present situation is certainly not an ideal one for Walker. It is a combination of Walker's varied ambitions, coupled with his comparatively poor form for Glamorgan this season.

The enigmatic Walker has come to a crossroad. He is a musician. He is a writer too. But professional cricket does not allow Walker to concentrate on the books he wants to write. And it has been paying him less than £1,000 a year.

The problem has been worrying Walker for a long time, and it was a perplexed Walker I motored up a Welsh mining valley to see playing for a Glamorgan Club and Ground XI against Maesteg Celtic.

Walker neither bowled a ball nor took a catch, but as open-

ing bat on a sloping, empty ground so different from Lord's he let off steam with 49 runs in 22 minutes, including three sixes and six fours.

Silent

I tried to quiz a reticent Walker.

Do you envisage returning to this country from South Africa next season?

With a troubled frown he replied: "I don't want to talk about cricket at the moment. Maybe I'll feel better when my form returns."

It will be a severe blow to Glamorgan's team rebuilding plans if they lose his services. His county performances this season make a mockery of his true value.

Contract

The unmarried Walker, son of a British journalist who made his home in Johannesburg, first came to England in 1954.

He joined Glamorgan on the recommendation of the Welsh club's Test player, Alan Watkins, who assessed Walker's promise on a coaching trip to the Union.

For the first few years Walker worked his passage back to this country, but after



PETER WALKER... fed up with it all.

gaining his county cap he was able to pay his way.

He is at present on a two-year contract.

Alex Bannister

comments...

Of all the wrangles and bitter controversies that have raged in recent years in the over-innocent game of cricket I find the Walker case the most distressing.

He must feel deeply wounded and resentful not only to bring the quarrel into the open, but to wreck his whole sporting career. I know what this means to him. So I urge Peter, whom I have known since he was a schoolboy in Johannesburg, to think again.

Perhaps squabbling Glamorgan do not deserve to keep him. But he would be a sad loss to English cricket not only for his playing skill but for his personality and outlook on the game.

Glamorgan are only one of 17 counties in first-class cricket, and although the transfer system is unacceptable there is an exception to every rule.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY
Golf
Children's Medal competition at Deep Water Bay.

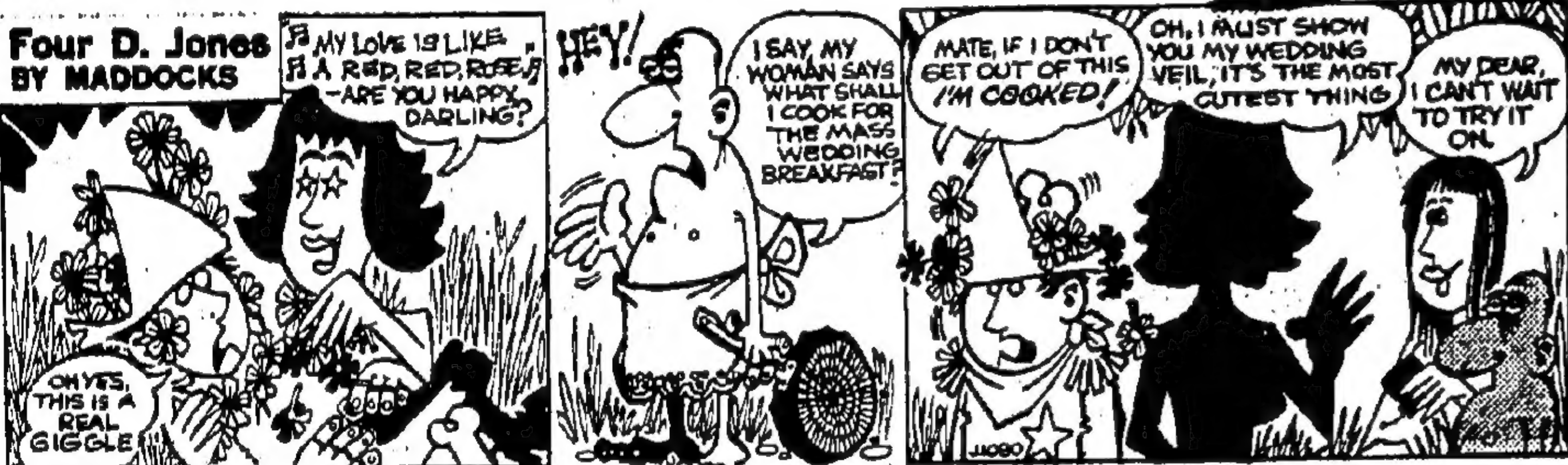
Archery
RAF Kai Tak Open Tournament.

TO-MORROW
Water Polo
Junior League: EYMCA v Army, Victoria Park pool, 9 p.m.

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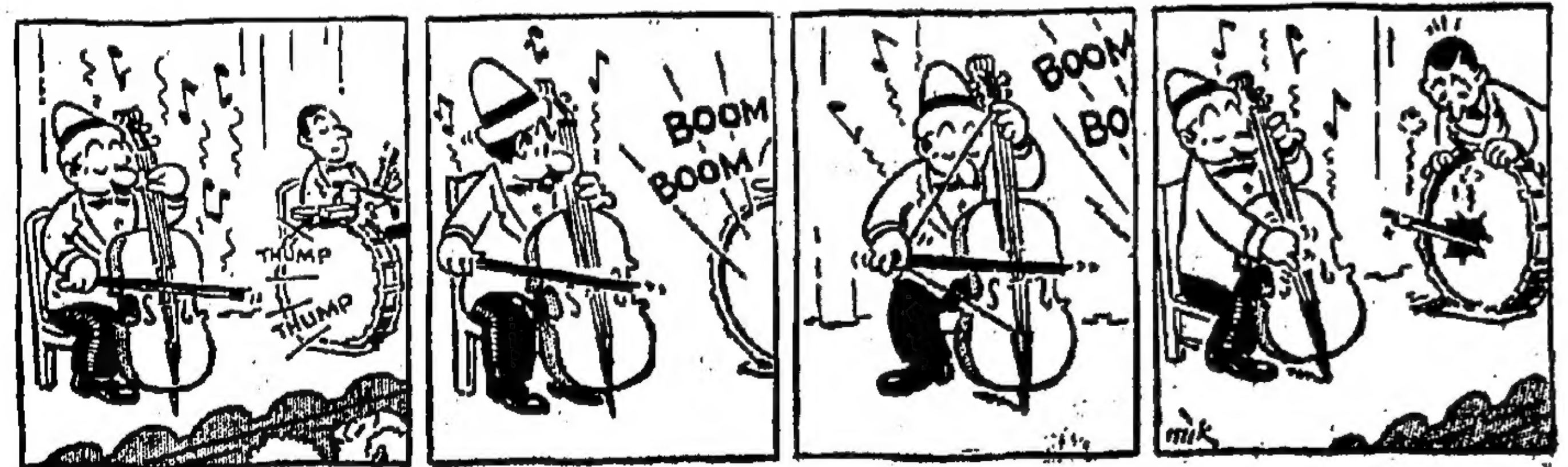
by LEONARD HARDEN

The Dutch Defence is an opening specially formidable against timid players, who are frequently overawed by Black's king's wing attack and succumb to a brilliant, as in the following Russian game (Litvinov v. Veresov). 1 P-Q4, P-KB4; 2 P-QB4, Kt-KB3; 3 Kt-QB3, P-K3; 4 Kt-K4, P-Q4; 5 Q-Q2, Castles; 6 P-K4, P-QKt3; 7 P-B3 (to a time), B-K2; 8 Castles, B-QKt; 9 QxP, Kt-K5; 10 Q-B2, P-B3; 11 Kt-Q2, R-R3; 12 P-KKt3, Q-B3; 13 Kt-B3 (or 12 PxQ, R-KKt3, ch; 14 K-R1, RtxP, mate), Kt-K4; 14 Kt-B4, RtxP, ch; 15 Kt-K4, R-R4, mate, or 16 PxQ, Kt-Kt, ch; 16 BxKt, R-K5, ch; 17 B-K2, RxB, ch, and wins.



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By Mik



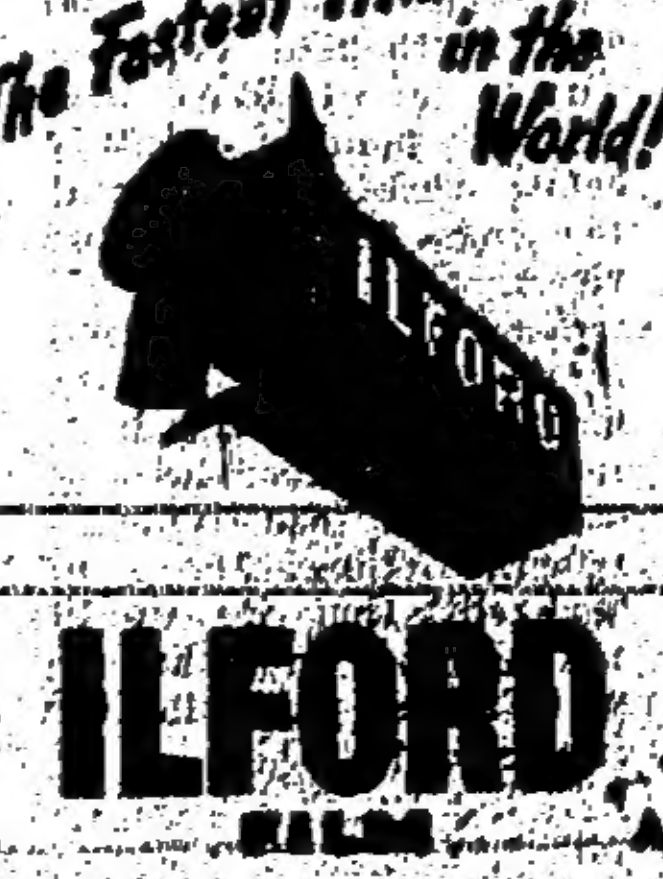
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Swindon Company, 25 Nathan Road.
Yan Cheong Store, 20-A Austin Avenue.

YAU MATI Evergreen Store, 300 Nathan Road.

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BROKER CHARGED WITH THEFT OF \$400,000 OF STONES

MILLION \$ GEM DEALINGS

Merchant tells of diamond transactions with accused

A merchant told Judge P. R. Springall in the Victoria District Court this morning that a broker had had diamond dealings with him amounting from \$4 million to \$5 million in the six years he had known him.

The merchant, Mr Lo Hung-cheuk, manager of Foo Hang Jewellery Co, made the statement when he was cross-examined by defence counsel at the trial of the broker, 48-year-old Yuen Chung-kwong.



Yuen faces six charges of larceny by bailee and simple larceny of \$400,000 worth of diamonds between January and February, 1959.

One of the charges alleged that Yuen had stolen \$233,000 worth of diamonds from the Foo Hang Jewellery Co, Hong Wai Building, Queen's Road Central, on February 13, 1959.

Mr Lo testified that he had known Yuen for six years and had various diamond transactions with Yuen, in cash, on credit and on approval.

Went away

On February 2, last year, Yuen went to his shop and selected a number of stones worth \$20,000. However, he left the diamonds and went away.

Two days later, Yuen again selected about \$12,000 worth of diamonds and took away one diamond, saying that he would pay for the stones later, witness said.

On February 6, Yuen took away a square-shaped diamond worth \$28,000 from the shop. Once again, he said he would pay for the stones at a later date.

On February 12, Yuen selected a large quantity of stones valued at more than \$120,000 and instructed witnesses to send the goods to his home the following day, witness said.

Two parcels

On the morning of February 13, Yuen telephoned witness, asking him to bring another parcel of half-carat diamonds the prices of which they had discussed previously.

Mr Lo said he then took along the two parcels of diamonds to Yuen's house. The total value of the stones was about \$200,000 he added.

"Yuen promised to pay me that afternoon, but he never did. Neither did he return the diamonds to me," Mr Lo said.

On the morning of February 16, Mr Lo telephoned Yuen who again promised to pay that afternoon. When Mr Lo telephoned the following day, he could not find Yuen, he said.

Weeping

On February 19, he went to Yuen's house. Yuen was not there but his wife was present and was weeping, witness said.

Mr Lo said earlier this morning, he went to a police station and from a group of diamonds he identified a number of stones as his. One of them weighed 4.74 carats and was worth more than \$18,000.

Mr Lo said he also discovered that another one of his diamonds had been slightly scratched because of rubbing with other stones.

Cross-examined, witness agreed Yuen had had dealings with him amounting from \$4 million to \$5 million in the six years he had known him.

On each occasion, payment had been made. Hearing is continuing.

Mr Dermot Rea, Principal Crown Counsel, and Mr George Willis, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting.

Mr Oswald Cheung and Mr Charles Ching are defending Yuen, instructed by Mr D. Q. Cheung, of F. Zimmerman and Co.

Dr S. G. Rankin leaves for U.S.

Dr S. G. Rankin, who has been in charge of the Hong-kong Baptist Clinic for the past five years, left in the mv Asia this morning for the United States via Europe on one year's leave.

Accompanied by his family, Dr Rankin will work during his stay in the United States in the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

At the Kowloon Wharf, a student band from Pui Ching Middle School gave the Doctor a musical send-off. Dr Rankin is the school's medical consultant.

Chinese press comments on constitutional reform proposals

Hongkong is not completely apathetic politically.

Our body politic is not up-to-date.

It is within their rights for officially recognised local organisations to voice their opinion for constitutional change.

This about sums up reaction in the local Chinese press to recent proposals for constitutional reform in Hongkong.

"Does the Hongkong public want constitutional reform?" asked an editorial of Sing Tao Jih Pao on July 17.

"This is a question for the people of Hongkong and the U.K. Government as well," the editorial went on.

It pointed out that "it was the British Government that first mooted constitutional change for Hongkong after the war and not the people of Hongkong."

"But judging by the Colonial Secretary's letter to the Civic Association and Reform Club to the effect that the Colonial Office believed that Hongkong is apathetic and is not keen on the subject."

"The editorial opinion of the Wah Kiu Man Po (Overseas Chinese Evening Press) was that the two civic bodies were not fully representative of the Hongkong citizenry."

"However, the Legislative and Executive Councils constituted decades ago are no longer completely fit for Hongkong now as an internationally renowned Show-window of Democracy."

"The present form of government is not without its disadvantages."

"This comes to light particularly in the case of the recent Football Pools Bill debate."

"In fact outcome has been a victory for the public opinion and the community praised the unofficials' opposition to the bill."

"The New Life Evening Post was of the opinion that 'We would prefer some kind of change but it should be gradual so as not to interfere with the stability and prosperity of Hongkong.'"

"The leftist papers, Ta Kung Pao and Wen Wei Po remained silent on the subject."

"The Wah Kiu Yat Po, leading independent daily paper, did not comment on the subject."

"Kwan was alleged to have wounded Tse Sau Chun with intent to murder her in November last year."

"No plea was taken. Kwan was remanded for seven days in jail custody."

"A 36-year-old unemployed man Kwan Fat, of 61 Tong Mei Road, 4th floor, charged with wounding a woman, appeared before Mr E. S. Hayden at Kowloon Court this morning."

Sub-inspector I. W. Elias said on the morning of July 17 at about 6.45 Cheung Tai Mui, the principal tenant, slipped and fell down in the corridor outside Lee's cubicle.

Cheung then scolded Lee for making the corridor wet and slippery.

A dispute ensued and Lee picked up a clog and struck Cheung on the forehead cutting her.

Without being Little Englanders, we are in effect a little England, with an aloofness imposed by circumstances."

The Morning Post editorial concluded by saying that Stella Benson is one of the heroines of the Hongkong Liberals. Her analysis of Hongkong is accurate but it was of purely local significance.

Playing for Recreio team in the bowls junior division against Craigengower were H Botelho, J. Ribeiro, A.V. Barros, C.H. Basto, A. Remedios, A.E. Alves, F. Xavier, P.X. Soares, C. Pereira, D.C. Alves, C.A. Lopes and J. Basto.

For Craigengower, W. English, K.M. Omar, A.W. Randall, W. Ward, J.W. Leonard, N.P. Karanjia, F.S. Ferraro, W.K. Way, D.X. Kharas, W. Atkins, A.M. Omar and A. Kitchell. Recreio won by 62 to 49.

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HK-printed magazine seized in Manila

Manila, July 28. Copies of a magazine printed in Hongkong and allegedly containing Communist propaganda material were today ordered seized by the head of the Philippines Bureau of Post.

The postmaster general, Enrique Palomar, directed the Bureau of Post Chief Postal Inspector to confiscate copies of the "Asian News Weekly" magazine dated July 28.

The magazine in its initial issue carried harmless-looking captions and titles but included a progress report on mainland China in its inside pages. It also had a report on Nationalist China, however.

The July issue, ironically enough, was dedicated to the Philippines national hero and captioned "Last issue—as a special tribute to the Gran Maestro, Jose Rizal." It contained the first part of a serial of the hero's controversial social novel, Noli Me Tangere.

The magazine also carried the picture of President Carlos P. Garcia.—UPI.

Registered here

The magazine was registered in Hongkong with the Registrar of Newspapers, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

It is edited by the Asian News Publishing Co. 78 Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

It is also printed in Hongkong. The magazine gives a wide coverage of Asian news, political personalities, science, education and business.

The cover of the first issue carries the flags of many Asian nations including those of both Communist China and Taiwan.

Clogged principal tenant

Lee Sau-chun, 24-year-old housewife of 222 Castle Peak Road, 3rd floor, this morning pleaded guilty to wounding her principal tenant with a clog.

She was bound over in the sum of \$200 to be of good behaviour for one year by Mr E. S. Hayden at Kowloon Court this morning.

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Technical College Principal Off to England

Mr S. J. G. Burt, Principal of the Technical College, left with his wife in the mv Asia this morning for Europe on his way to England on leave.

During his stay in the United Kingdom, Mr Burt will visit the firms and factories where former Technical College students are employed.

The Burt will return in December.

Mrs P. Donohue, wife of the Deputy Director of Education, sailed in the mv Asia this morning for England via Europe.

Her husband will leave by air to join his wife four weeks later for six months' leave in the United Kingdom.

The above picture shows the Donohues on board the Asia this morning. The picture below shows Mr and Mrs Burt.



Bro. Wilfrid buried at the Valley

The funeral of Brother Eugene Wilfrid, who died on Tuesday at St Teresa's Hospital, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning. He was 74.

Messrs Lawrence Bianchi, Roman Catholic Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Fr Michael Cantore, officiated at the services in the chapel and by the graveside.

The funeral was attended by a large gathering of clergy and students of La Salle College.

Born in Savoy, France, the late Brother Wilfrid was at one time headmaster of the Chatham Road branch of St Joseph's College before moving to La Salle College, where he had remained for more than 40 years.

The late Brother Wilfrid was a well-known teacher of general subjects in the Colony.

Among those who attended the funeral were Messrs Dhun Rutongee, H. A. Botelho, A. de O'Sales, Choy Wing-chiu, A. P. Pereira, R. M. Omar, J. A. Marques Hilton Cheong, and Louis Wong.

Wreaths were sent by La Salle College Old Boys' Association, the Headmaster, pupils and staff of St Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School, Sing Wah Electrical Works and Mr and Mrs Louis Wong, and others.

Policeman on leave

Sub-inspector J.F. Merritt of the Police Special Branch, left with his wife in the mv Asia this morning on home leave.

Cooler after morning rain

Hongkong heaved a sigh of relief this morning when the thunderstorm brought a further drop in temperature.

At 9 a.m. the Royal Observatory recorded 77.4 degrees compared with the peak of 94.1 registered on Tuesday.

The temperature had thus fallen about 17 degrees in about 40 hours.

There has been a constant drop in temperature since the passing of tropical storm Polly.

This morning's 77.4 was one degree below the mean minimum for July—78.4.

Warmer later

The Royal Observatory spokesman attributed the decline in temperature to the rain.

The temperature is expected to climb back higher after the rain stops, he added.

The Colony gained slightly more than an inch of rain from midnight last night till 9 a.m. today.

The heaviest downpour occurred between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Typhoon Polly was located 120 miles northeast of Shanghai, and was moving north at about 10 knots at 9 a.m.

Tropical storm Rose, centred about 300 miles east of Tokyo, was also moving at about 10 knots at 9 a.m. today.

dear sir

Free press

The first essential of a democratic form of government is a free press that will present the view of the public without bias, and in this respect you and your contemporaries are to be complimented for upholding the fine tradition of your calling by freely publishing the views of your readers even though they might not be complimentary to yourself.

The job of being an editor of a reputable paper like your own is not as easy as some would imagine, as he can never hope to please every one at the same time.

He either pleases one side and offends the other or he must select some subject of no interest to anyone to avoid treading on any one's toes.

It will be a sad day for us when our Press must follow the dictate of the government, instead of being the mouthpiece of the people. It must be the echo of the government's voice.

That our Press in Hongkong has persistently maintained its independence speaks well for our democratic form of government that never interferes with the freedom of the press, and to those who clamour for reform, for a pattern of government on the model of those behind the iron curtain, let us advise them first to ponder carefully before rushing into print to express their unbalanced views.

Admitted or granted that our present form of government is not of the best, can any advocates of political or constitutional reform—reformers—disparage that we would not be joined from the present trying pain into the future?

The mirage seen at a distance is always attractive, and the beautiful rainbow is unmatched in glory but impossible to reach.

We like to dream dreams instead of facing realities. We envy the so-called 'freedom' of independent countries without realising that what we see and what we hear from outside those countries do not represent the facts as revealed by the unfortunate people within, for we are presented with one side of the picture only—the agreeable side, the spit-and-polish side, like the friendly smile and 'welcoming voice' of strangers welcoming guests.

The behind-the-scenes picture is entirely different. Gone is that friendly smile and in its place the ugly frown. The 'welcoming voice' yields place to the harsh growl. Yet all is lovely in the garden seen from outside the iron gate that fences off intruders.

Sir, you have an important part to play in the forming of public opinion. By your conduct you either promote our welfare or lead us to the brink of the precipice, as it is in your power to permit freedom of expression of public opinion through the medium of your paper or to suppress it by withholding publication.

That you have not suppressed such freedom of expression is simply evidenced by the publication of criticisms directed at yourself by correspondents disagreeing with your point of view. For this magnanimity you are to be highly commended, and we hope readers have cause to be proud of your generous action.

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